

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This is a Response to the Advisory Action mailed November 30, 2004, and to a final Office Action mailed October 20, 2004, in which a three (3) month Shortened Statutory Period for Response has been set, due to expire January 20, 2005. Forty-three (43) claims, including twelve (12) independent claims, were paid for in the application. Claims 2-6, 9-10, 14-15, 27, 29-31, 33-34 and 40-41 are canceled by way of this amendment. Claims 7-8 and 32 are rewritten in independent form. No new claims are added. No new matter has been added to the application. There are eight (8) independent claims and a total of sixteen (16) claims remaining after entry of the present amendment. No fee for additional claims is due by way of this Amendment. The Director is authorized to charge any fees due by way of this Amendment to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090. Claims 7-8, 11-13, 16-20, 22, 32, 36-38 and 43 are pending.

Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 11-13, 16-20, 22, 36-38 and 43.

Applicants thank the Examiner for noting that claims 7, 8 and 32 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicants have rewritten claims 7, 8 and 32 in independent form, including the limitations of the base claims, and any respective intervening claims, and those claims are thus believed to be allowable.

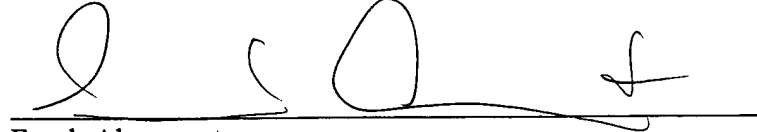
Applicants have canceled rejected claims 2-6, 9-10, 14-15, 27, 29-31, 33-34 and 40-41 to achieve earlier patent protection of the subject matter of the allowed claims than would otherwise be available if prosecution of the rejected claims continued. The cancellation of those claims is made without prejudice to pursuing the subject matter of such claims by way of one or more continuing applications.

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In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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